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1. Indonesia

There has been no significant change in the power struggle during the past 24 hours.

Sukarno continues to play for time in order to benefit from the likely erosion of the still-militant public feeling against the Communists. He is probably covertly telling Communist Party members to lay low and wait for a better day.

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2. South Vietnam

Premier Ky returns to Saigon today from a visit to South Korea and an overnight stop in Taiwan. Ky bypassed Tokyo

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3. India

There are more gloomy crop reports from India, suggesting that a difficult or even a dangerous food shortage is imminent.

The problem is countrywide. Regions which are normally surplus areas for the fall crops have been hardest hit by drought. Normally deficit areas will require more assistance than usual.

4. Communist China

A military encounter occurred today between Chinese and Indian troops. Peking issued a blast charging the Indians with another "grave armed provocation" on the Sikkim frontier. New Delhi confirmed the incident, claiming that one Indian and two Chinese soldiers were killed. At last report there has been nothing to add to the official Indian and Chinese statements.

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5. United Nations

The outcome of the General Assembly's consideration of the Chinese representation issue is uncertain. The issue is likely to come to a vote early next week.

The sponsors of a resolution to seat Peking are apparently considering a text which does not explicitly call for Taipei's exclusion. This "softer" formulation, which would appeal to those favoring the "two Chinas" approach, would have a good chance of getting a simple majority. Assembly president Fanfani has not yet committed himself on whether he will rule that a two-thirds majority is required to seat Peking.

Peking would probably not accept an invitation to join which is not based on Taipei's expulsion. But the vote this year could bring Peking closer to ultimate membership and might be a significant psychological victory.

6. Guinea

Discontent over the country's economic decline is posing growing security problems for President Sekou Touré's one-party regime.

Touré told a US Embassy officer this week that there are at least three groups plotting against him, including among them some ranking members of the government. The President seemed confident, however, and said the culprits would be dealt with before the end of the month.

7. Rhodesia

Conditions remain generally quiet in Rhodesia and Ian Smith confidently left Salisbury for a weekend in the country. Some dissension has been reported among civil servants, some of whom are resigning. Black market currency operations were initiated in Salisbury almost as soon as independence was declared.

Rhodesian authorities are distributing a printed message in the interior warning African rural dwellers that the authorities are prepared to quell all opposition.

The South African Government, as expected, has refused to take part in any punitive measures against Rhodesia and has announced that relations will continue as before.

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8. Dominican Republic

There is another upsurge in rumors of an imminent rightist coup, but the US Embassy has found no indication of any involvement by the military. Such connivance would be necessary for a rightist coup to succeed.

The embassy points out, however, that rightist politicians might try something dramatic next week in an attempt to gain a hemisphere-wide forum at the Rio Conference.

Extremists on the left also continue active. The staff of the banned Communist newspaper has called for a march today to its downtown offices, shut down by the Inter-American Peace Force.

Yesterday the government announced plans for a new and much more promising method of collecting weapons still in civilian hands. For 15 days beginning Tuesday, it will pay generous prices for all weapons turned in to government collection teams--and no questions will be asked. After the 15 days, all those found illegally in possession of weapons will be prosecuted.

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